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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Ernest "Ernie"
2 Yelton for his many years of exemplary service as the Executive
3 Director of the Indiana Gaming Commission.

4 *Whereas, Ernest "Ernie" Yelton has served as the*
5 *Executive Director of the Indiana Gaming Commission for*
6 *over ten years, since being appointed in 2005;*

7 *Whereas, Yelton is originally from Pittsboro, Indiana;*

8 *Whereas, Yelton received his undergraduate degree from*
9 *Indiana University in 1970, and his law degree with honors*
10 *from the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of*
11 *Law in 1974;*

12 *Whereas, After law school, Yelton joined the law firm of*
13 *Craig, Craig, and Yelton in Brazil, Indiana, working with*
14 *former Indiana Governor George N. Craig;*

15 *Whereas, On August 31, 1979, Yelton was appointed as*
16 *the first full-time County Court Judge in Clay County, and*
17 *one month later, Governor Otis Brown selected him as Judge*
18 *of the Clay Circuit Court;*



1 *Whereas, Judge Yelton was elected for five consecutive*
2 *terms and served on the bench until January 17, 2005, when*
3 *Governor Mitch Daniels chose him to be Executive Director*
4 *of the Indiana Gaming Commission;*

5 *Whereas, Judge Yelton served as President of the Indiana*
6 *Judge's Association from 1991-1993;*

7 *Whereas, Indiana Senator Robert Garton appointed him*
8 *as the first trial judge representative to Indiana's*
9 *Commission on Courts when it was established in 1991,*
10 *where he served until he left the bench;*

11 *Whereas, Judge Yelton was named as Chair of the*
12 *Judicial Administrative Committee of the Indiana Judicial*
13 *Conference by Chief Justice Randall T. Shephard of the*
14 *Indiana Supreme Court, and was instrumental in the creation*
15 *of Indiana's first set of statewide Jury Rules;*

16 *Whereas, As Executive Director of the Indiana Gaming*
17 *Commission, Judge Yelton is responsible for the licensing*
18 *and regulatory oversight of the thirteen Indiana casinos;*

19 *Whereas, Since his appointment, the Indiana General*
20 *Assembly has added to Judge Yelton's responsibilities with*
21 *the creation of the Gaming Agents in 2005, the assumption*
22 *of regulatory licensing and oversight of Charity Gaming in*
23 *2006, and jurisdiction over two new casinos at Indiana horse*
24 *racing tracks and illegal gambling control divisions in 2007;*

25 *Whereas, As a result, the Indiana Gaming Commission*
26 *staff has increased from 30 employees when Judge Yelton*
27 *was first appointed, to over 240 employees today with*
28 *combined budgets of \$22 million;*



1 *Whereas, Also in 2009, the four leaders of the Indiana*
2 *General Assembly's caucuses appointed Judge Yelton to the*
3 *Legislative Gaming Study Committee, and in 2011, the*
4 *General Assembly named him to the Charity Gaming Study*
5 *Committee;*

6 *Whereas, As Governor Daniels was leaving office in*
7 *January 2013, he presented Judge Yelton with the*
8 *Governor's Distinguished Service Medal, and shortly*
9 *thereafter, incoming Governor Mike Pence reappointed him*
10 *for another term as Executive Director of the Indiana*
11 *Gaming Commission;*

12 *Whereas, The Sagamore of the Wabash was bestowed*
13 *upon Judge Yelton by Governor Evan Bayh;*

14 *Whereas, Judge Yelton and his wife Mary Rumbley*
15 *Yelton are the proud parents of Adam Yelton and Emily Goff,*
16 *and grandparents of Brayden and Carter Goff; and*

17 *Whereas, It is fitting that the Indiana General Assembly*
18 *gives special recognition to Judge Yelton for his many years*
19 *of public service on the bench and as Executive Director of*
20 *the Indiana Gaming Commission: Therefore,*

21 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
22 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

23 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors Ernest
24 "Ernie" Yelton for his many years of exemplary service as the
25 Executive Director of the Indiana Gaming Commission.

26 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
27 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Ernest "Ernie" Yelton.

